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WHAT IS THE BEEF

TRUSTS' NEW GAME?

The leading houses in the Beef Trust are increasing their capital and issuing bonds, both in large amounts, and there is much curiosity as to the meaning of these moves. One explanation is that they have been heavy borrowers from banks, and that they now intend, with the proceeds of stock and bond sales, to finance their own operations. Another explanation is that, having already acquired a number of tanneries, they now intend to complete their control of the leather trade, and possibly also to undertake the acquisition of all the larger shoe factories and, indeed, of all the industries, the raw material of which is leather. This plan seems a great undertaking—in fact, there is doubt whether even the powerful Beef Trust would not, in such a project, "bite off more than it can chew."

Just this matter of monopolizing all leather industries depends largely upon the tariff duty on hides. Should this duty be reimposed, as the Senate has voted, the Beef Trust's tanneries will hold such an advantage over the independents as will enable it to force them out of business or into its hands. We are inclined to believe that not until the Trust is assured of complete control of leather production will it move toward the acquisition of shoe, harness, etc., factories.

From hides, as voted by the House, would check this new scheme of monopoly, with its inevitable result of higher prices to consumers. With their raw material free of duty, the independent tanneries could still compete with the Trust, and the people would be saved from the great misfortune of having another of its larger industries come under the domination of one of the most greedy of the trusts.

Doubtless, the disagreeing action of the two branches of Congress will result in a compromise, for such is the usual method of handling differences. Yet, every cent of tariff duty on hides affords an advantage to the Beef Trust and gives it power to force a possibly disastrous competition upon the independent tanneries.

WHEAT SHORTAGE—
SEWAGE CONSERVATION

Wheat is steadily advancing in price, particularly July and September futures which are, now that the May corner is nearly ended, the features of the market. The principal basis for the advanced prices is the reported shortage in the European crop, which means an increased demand upon the crops of this country. Added to this basis is the statement that our wheat crop is not keeping pace with the demands of an increasing population, which alleged fact adds materially to the speculation in wheat futures.

Several prominent men, notably Railway Magnate James J. Hill whose system penetrates the wheat-growing section, assert that American farmers do not make the most of their opportunities; that they are content with small crops, when they might, by proper methods, reap large ones; that the wheat yield per acre is steadily decreasing; that improved methods of culture would secure from two acres as much as is now produced by three; that, our agricultural methods were out of joint with the times. In Mr. Hill's opinion, improvement must come, the alternative being that this country will eventually become an importer, instead of an exporter, of wheat and other grains. How unfortunate this would be, may be judged by the fact that it would probably change the international balance of trade from favorable to unfavorable, and compel a heavy outflow of money.

If the sewage of American cities which is now wasted, could be utilized, there would be no question of our ability to not only provide for our increasing population but to also continue the exportation of grains. The East which now relies upon the West for the major portion of the grain consumed, could supply itself with breadstuffs and could also provide its own meats, as it did in times ago. There is much talk of the conservation of forests, water power, etc., but these commendable objects are really dwarfed by the importance of the discovery of some method of utilizing the sewage of cities. That such method will be found, cannot be doubted, for existing conditions demand it, and American ingenuity has never yet failed to meet any exigent demand.

Describing the protection proclivities of Senator Smoot of Utah, the Hartford Courant says he is "one of these latter-day, stand-pat, the-public-be-a-d gentleman that remind you of Noah's antediluvian neighbor who always believes there was going to be a shower." Think of the change which such an utterance from a prominent Republican organ illustrates! But a few years ago it would have been classed as the rant of political heresy.

Despite President Taft's recent announcement that he favors free-lumber, the Senate has voted against it by 56 to 25. Singularly enough, 17 Democrats from lumber-producing States voted with the regular Republicans. The political consciences of these Democrats must be very elastic.

The strike on the Georgia railroad is clearly of racial origin. Ten white firemen were discharged and their places given to negroes. The result was the strike, with violence by white sympathizers with the strikers along the line of the road. White sentiment in the South relegates the negro to the class of unskilled labor, and it is needless to add that a similar sentiment prevails widely here in the North.

Readers of magazine reports of the results of big-game hunting in Africa, written by hunters of skill and experience who would be likely to tell the biggest stories possible, are astonished at the number of "kills" reported as being made by Ex-President Roosevelt and his young son. It is not singular that the suggestion of shipping arithmetics to Africa to enable the natives to accurately compute the results of the Roosevelt trip, has been made. There are even intimations that the animals are not wild but semi-tame, having been herded upon a British resident's ranch for the express purpose of affording sport for the distinguished visitor. It has even been found that more than one-half of the "porters" engaged for the Roosevelt caravan are women of high place among the natives, there having been strong competition for such engagement. In fact, the entire hunting trip appears to be peculiar, from the original announcement of its purely scientific purpose to the singularly large number of reported "kills."

The hottest day loses its sizzle after a glass of Williams' Root Beer. Delicious under description. Try it.

Roosevelt Reception
At Nairobi Tonight

(By Staff Correspondent United Press.)
Nairobi, May 25.—The Spanish-American war, in which Colonel Theodore Roosevelt played a leading role, will be vividly recalled to him when he and his party return late this evening from the Healer ranch, by the display of the captured Spanish flag, American at the naval battle of Santiago. The owner has since settled in British East Africa and has decorated the prize relic to the wealth of decorations that have been put out in honor of Mr. Roosevelt's return.

The whole town is decorated with flags and bunting, the display being many times more elaborate than that which greeted him on his first coming to the town.

During Mr. Roosevelt's week in Nairobi a number of affairs have been scheduled in his honor, but which may be abandoned owing to his expressed desire to spend the time as quietly as possible in order to do a lot of writing.

REV. I. W. WILLIAMSON'S LETTER
Rev. I. W. Williamson, Huntington W. Va., writes: "This is to certify that I used Foley's Kidney Remedy for nervous exhaustion and kidney trouble and am free to say that it will do all that you claim for it." Foley's Kidney Remedy has restored health and strength to thousands of weak run-down people. Contains no harmful drugs and is pleasant to take. F. B. Brill, local agent. * 135

J. P. Morgan's Son
Succeeds H. H. Rogers
In Steel Trust

New York, May 25.—J. P. Morgan, Jr., was elected to succeed the late H. H. Rogers in the Directorate and Finance Committee of the United States Steel Corporation at yesterday's meeting of the board. The announcement, which was made late in the afternoon, was regarded in Wall Street as significant of the further intrenchment of the Morgan interests in power in the corporation. It was recalled that before the purchase of the Carnegie steel works, the so-called Standard Oil interests in the corporation had become as strong as the Morgan interests in the trust.

The day's election of J. P. Morgan, Jr., gives the Morgan banking house four of its own members in the Steel Directorate—J. P. Morgan himself, his son George W. Perkins, and Charles Steele. Others of the twenty-four Directors are so closely allied with the Morgan interests as to be known as "Morgan men."

Morgan Finances
Dry Goods Merger

New York, May 25.—Additional details concerning the formation of the United Dry Goods Company, the \$1,000,000 concern chartered in Delaware last week and the greatest dry goods combination ever attempted in this country, have been made known and disclose that J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. are financing the gigantic project.

John C. Hill is president of the concern, which will control the largest stores in this city, Baltimore, Buffalo, Minneapolis, Newark, Louisville and other commercial centers in the South and West. Names of the other officers were not made public.

Police Magistrate Resigns
To Work as Street Sweeper

East St. Louis, Ill., May 25.—Having been ordered by his physician to resign his office as Police Magistrate and obtain employment where he could exercise joy pure air and outdoor exercise, Thomas Stanton has started to work as a street sweeper. As a Magistrate he received an average of \$300 per month. As street sweeper he receives \$1.50 per day.

Stanton put out this job because I believe it fills the requirements that the doctor says I needed in order to regain my health," he explained. "I would rather work for \$1.50 a day and be able to eat a square meal and sleep soundly than make hundreds of dollars a month, spend it all for medicine and doctors, and be unable to eat and sleep. After my work now I feel better than I have in several years, and I believe I am on the road to recovery."

Stanton for a number of years was an upfire for the Texas and Pacific Northwest baseball leagues.

If you desire a clear complexion take Foley's Liver Laxative for constipation and liver trouble as it will stimulate the bowels and thoroughly cleanse your system, which is what everyone needs in the spring in order to feel well. F. B. Brill, local agent. * 135

STRATFORD

Masons Out of Work—The Temperance

Agitation—Death of Mr. Downes—

About the Improvement Club—Hay-

making—Social Doings—Local Personal Notes.

Dr. Elliott Cogswell is home from Boston for a week or so.

The cake sale at Mrs. Perry's was all that could be expected, even if it did rain out of doors. All the things good to eat which were contributed were sold, and that is as much as can be said of any lawn fete.

Two masons from Bridgeport, with lime on their shoes, were in town yesterday hunting for a job. They were sober, intelligent men, and said they had been crowded out of the city as little work is to be had there. Nothing is doing in the line of mason work in this town at present.

From all one hears and reads in print, the recent temperance agitation in town appears to have struck the bull's eye. It is the illegal sale of liquors which people are in favor of law and order propose to stop—the back door Sunday traffic, and the selling to minors. Not even a druggist's license gives a permit for such law breaking. And it is believed that no self-respecting man, who has sons of his own, can afford to put his name to an application made by a man who wishes to open a saloon or a road house, even if it is on the outskirts of the town. As to the mothers and sisters who have fathers and brothers who get drunk, they have got beyond sitting quietly at home darning stockings, and in so far as they can their influence will be thrown upon the side of law and temperance. If the truth was told in all instances, many sad cases of poverty, insanity, and even death could be laid at the door of the man who hands out a glass or bottle of alcoholic liquors.

On Monday, Mr. Downes, an elderly man who has been living with his son at the old Avery place, died from the effects of a cancer. The disease is said to have first appeared as the result of a blow upon the face, attacking the nose and going into the throat. Mr. Downes had been a great sufferer for a year or two, and finally was in such a pitiful condition it was difficult to obtain enough nourishment.

The marriage of Rev. Dr. Packard's daughter to a professional gentleman from New York will take place at the parsonage on June 8.

The whist which is to take place at the Fellowship hall for the benefit of the Masonic Building Fund, is in charge of the following gentlemen: John Wells, John L. Porter, William Garner, Gilbert Edwards, Henry McEachen, Charles Langdon, W. E. Weatherbee, S. W. Greeninger, and George Broderick. The ladies who will assist are Mesdames Townsend, Crowbridge, Dorn, Edwards and Morehouse.

A lady writes to the Farmer as follows: "From the references made to the Village Improvement Society, one may infer that such a society really exists and has not been embalmed by its president. May the question be asked, would the society really take, and when, to save our beautiful elms from the destructive beetle? Now is the time to be up and doing. In the meantime it would be well to consider every housekeeper to destroy the beetles that are coming out in their attics or where they have been dormant through the winter."

It is believed that the Village Improvement Society has been hampered for the want of funds. Many people appear to be unwilling to contribute to the society to the extent of paying \$1 for membership. Those who do not belong to the society will refuse to contribute, are the loudest and most persistent in their criticism. The matter of preserving the shade trees of Stratford should be kept before the citizens of the town. It is too much to expect any society, with small funds and no public endorsement, to be at the expense of spraying trees which belong to private individuals. If there is no better way for obtaining results, let the selectmen call a special town meeting for the purpose of making an appropriation for the purpose of spraying the trees. And then let the public watch the outcome of that meeting. There are many healthy women taxpayers in town, and the Farmer is willing to think they would be willing to contribute their share towards preserving the beauty of the place.

There are letters in the post office for William Beers, Jr., J. Smith, Mrs. Herbert Poole and Mrs. J. St. Miss Bertha Bertram is back from Brookfield.

George K. Wilson took a long trolley ride on Monday, doing the Flatville, Stratford and Black Rock, as well as taking a look at the beach.

All the Haymakers in the country around are expected to assemble in town this evening with the implements of their art, and a band of music to help out the celebration. The hay has been raked and cocked there will be a luncheon under the stack with prizes for those who make things more lively than some other things.

The measles in town have not as yet quite disappeared, but it is believed there are not enough left to go around.

One young man at the High school was ready to graduate, but he did not wish to be home with his girls, so he modestly deferred taking his diploma this time.

The Order of the Eastern Star had a meeting last night. A new member smiled pleasantly on all who attended.

Seven persons died in town during April: five females and two males. Three of these were children; and the oldest was Miss St. John, aged 61.

There is a report that some gentlemen in town will go on a great rattlesnake hunt next Sunday. They belong to the Schaghticoke club. Strawberries, Shakespeare and a Masonic whist will be the social events this week.

Mrs. Helen Garlick is visiting friends in New Milford and Waterbury.

Mrs. Arthur Wheeler, Watch Hill, has had Miss Constance Fairchild for a guest.

Henry Bartlett is taking a Western trip. He was recently in St. Louis.

Jack Dimond has been visiting in New York.

As George Cunniff leaves the McNamara street car, he is pelted with stones. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith are now at home in California street.

Miss Agnes Judson is home from a week's visit to Bridgeport.

The burning of W. D. Miller's barn yesterday noon gave the fire ladders a good run and a chance to show what they could do. It was a great fire, but the rest of the farm buildings escaped. The cows and the hay were being destroyed.

William Baddington is home from Florida.

William Hughes will set out 1,500 strawberry plants on his place.

The 13th of June will be observed as Children's day at the Congregational church.

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